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FOR AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN FROM AMBASSADOR

FOR OES/CP - AMBASSADOR GREEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SPOP

SUBJ: POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION--VIEWS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION

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1. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL I HAVE INITIATED
CONTACTS WITH THE TOP LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH I AM
ACCREDITED TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO PRESSING
GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD.
BARBADIAN OFFICIALS
POINT OUT THAT MANY YEARS AGO BARBADOS RECOGNIZED THE
IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION AND OF CONTROLLING
ITS POPULATION GROWTH. ON BOTH COUNTS THIS ISLAND IS A STAR
PERFORMER IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. I SHALL REPORT SEPARATELY
ON MY APPROACHES AND ON THE SITUATIONS ON OTHER ISLANDS
OVER WHICH WE HAVE JURISDICTION WHERE THE SITUATION IS NOT
SO ROSY.

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2. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO BRING FOLLOWING TO YOUR
URGENT ATTENTION: THERE IS CURRENTLY A MEETING IN
BRIDGETOWN OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION (IPPF).
THE TOP LEADERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
IS HERE FOR THE OCCASION. THE COMBINED LEADERSHIP

HAVE APPROACHED ME IN A HIGHLY CONCERNED STATE. THEY PERCEIVE A SERIOUSLY DETERIORATING RELATIONSHIP WITH A.I.D. IN THEIR JUDGEMENT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS DETERIORATION THREATENS THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THEIR ORGANIZATION. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE IPPF IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS WORLD-WIDE IN CONTROLLING POPULATION GROWTH AND THAT THEIR EFFORTS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO HAVE RESULTS. FOR THIS REASON, BECAUSE THE BARBADIAN GOVERNMENT IS CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE MEETING HERE, AND IN VIEW OF THE INTENSITY OF THEIR CONCERN AS EXPRESSED TO ME, I FEEL I HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CALLING YOUR ATTENTION TO THEIR VIEWS. IF I UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES CLEARLY, IT SEEMS TO ME THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL WHICH I AM CARRYING OUT ARE AFFECTED IN A CENTRAL WAY.

3. MRS. AZIZA HUSSEIN, PRESIDENT; MR. CARL WAHREN, SECRETARY GENERAL, MR. FELIPE DECOSTA, PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION; MR. BRADLEY BOAL, TREASURER, AND RETIRED U.S. CAREER AMBASSADOR RIDDLEBERGER BELIEVE THAT THE GREATLY STIFFENED AUDITING REQUIREMENTS NOW BEING IMPOSED BY AID, PARTICULARLY THOSE REQUIRING AUDITING OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY FEDERATIONS AND THE WIDENING OF THE AUDITING PROCESS INTO POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEWS HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT WHERE
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IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR IPPF TO COMPLY WITH AID REQUIREMENTS. POSSIBLE CONSEQUENT LOSS OF AID FUNDS WHICH IS NEARLY 30 PERCENT OF IPPF'S BUDGET COULD LEAD TO DISBANDING OF THE ORGANIZATION JUST AS IT BEGINS TO MEET ITS GOALS IN COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY. LEADERSHIP BEWILDERED BY WHAT THEY INTERPRET AS HOSTILITY OF AID AUDITOR GENERAL.

4. THEY FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WITH AID THAT HUSSEIN, WAHREN, DECOSTA, BOAL AND PAST PRESIDENT TAMAYO ARE PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY HOPE TO SEE YOU TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THEIR CONCERNS.

5. I DO NOT PRETEND TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AT STAKE. HOWEVER, THEY DO RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SERIOUS CONTRADICTION. IF POPULATION CONTROL IS OF OVERRIDING IF NOT CRISIS SIGNIFICANCE IT WOULD SEEM PARADOXICAL THAT ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS COULD SERIOUSLY THREATEN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION FOR LIMITING POPULATION GROWTH.

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